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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as set forth herein prior to examination on the merits.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-16 and add claims 17-30 as follows.

17. (NEW) A method for central control and intelligent routing of data network traffic, including demands, each demand having a routing through the network and a priority value based on business attributes and criterions, comprising the steps of:

continuously collecting data from the network components;
determining congestions and error conditions;